

## **1710.19 Archaeological Explorations on State Lands**

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**SUBJECT:** Archaeological Explorations on State Lands.

**APPLICATION:** Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units.

**PURPOSE:** To ensure that State property rights to prehistoric and period (i.e., post-European contact) artifacts on State lands are recognized and preserved. Recovery of artifacts from State lands is governed by State law and through a permit program administered jointly by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of State, Bureau of History, Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA).

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**SUMMARY:** State agencies must obtain a permit for archaeological exploration or excavation on State-owned lands, except for lands owned or controlled by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

**APPLICABLE FORMS:** Application For Permit to Perform Archaeological Exploration on State-owned Lands.  
Special Use Permit to Perform Archaeological Exploration on State-owned Lands.

### **PROCEDURES:**

#### **Applicant:**

- Obtains permit application from Mineral Lease Management Section (MLMS), Real Estate Division, DNR.
- Completes application and returns it to the MLMS.

#### **MLMS:**

- Sends application and partially completed permit to the OSA.

#### **OSA:**

- Forwards to the MLMS the approved permit, with any applicable required conditions listed on the form; or
- If a permit is denied, provides a rationale for the denial and forwards the denied application to the MLMS.

#### **MLMS:**

- Sends papers to the DNR division which administers the land in question:
  - If the land-administering unit approves the permit request, the unit adds any additional conditions it considers necessary; has the permit form signed by the division chief; and forwards it to the MLMS.
  - If the land-administering division denies the permit request, provides the rationale for denial and forwards the denied application to MLMS.
- Notifies the applicant that the permit request has been denied, and states the reasons for denial.
- On receipt of a permit form which has been signed by both the chief of the land-administering division and the OSA, forwards the permit form to the applicant for acceptance of permit

conditions along with the applicant's signature, and requests that the signed permit form be returned to the MLMS for final execution and issuance.

Applicant:

- Signs and returns the permit form approved to MLMS.

MLMS:

- On receipt of the signed permit form, forwards copies to the applicant, the OSA, the land-administering division and DNR's Law Enforcement Division (LED).
  - Management of issued permits is the responsibility of the land-administering division.
  - Enforcement of issued permits is the responsibility of the LED.

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